

Senate Resolution 529

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Henry Melvin "Pete" Harris III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Dr. Henry Melvin "Pete" Harris III on March 19, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris was born on April 29, 1924, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 the late Daisy Warner Harris and Henry Melvin Harris, Jr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, educated in the Atlanta public schools, Dr. Harris earned a bachelor's degree
7 from Morehouse College, furthered his education at Oxford University, and obtained a
8 doctoral degree from Nova University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Navy and worked briefly for the United States Postal Service; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris had a distinguished career in the field of education, taught science
12 at H.M. Turner High School, served as an administrator with the Atlanta Board of Education,
13 and served as assistant principal at Douglass High School and principal at John Carey, A.F.
14 Herndon, and Beecher Hills elementary schools; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was an active member of several professional and civic organizations,
16 including Morehouse Alumni Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Atlanta Association
17 of Elementary School Principals, National Education Association, Georgia Association of
18 Educators, and Atlanta Association of Educators; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Harris was a long-time member of
20 Radcliffe Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, an elder, and a member of the
21 Himsingers and the Men of Radcliffe; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris was united in love and marriage for 61 wonderful years to Daisy
23 Phinazee Harris, and was blessed with a remarkable daughter, Fabienne Washington, and two
24 grandsons, John III and Melvin Washington; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
27 family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
30 made this world a better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Harris will long be remembered for his
32 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be
33 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Henry Melvin "Pete" Harris III and express their
36 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Henry Melvin "Pete"
39 Harris III.